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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR BAN ON KOMMUNISTISCHE STUDENTEN VERBAND
(KSV)

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1. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO AWAIT BONN GROUP
CONSULTATION BEFORE REACHING FINAL DECISION, OUR
INITIAL INCLINATION RUNS VERY MUCH AGAINST ISSUING
BAN ON POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY KIND IN BERLIN.

2. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE THREE POWERS TRADITIONALLY
HAVE BEEN MOST RELUCTANT TO ACT IN THIS AREA. RIGHT
WING NPD PARTY HAS NOT BEEN BANNED IN BERLIN AND
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RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON MEETINGS AND OTHER

ACTIVITIES ONLY ON A CASE TO CASE BASIS AS PART OF PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT WITH SOVIETS. IN ADDITION COMMUNIST PARTY IN ITS VARIOUS MANIFESTATIONS HAS BEEN LEGAL IN WEST BERLIN SINCE LATE 1940'S EVEN THOUGH PARTY WAS BANNED IN FRG DURING MUCH OF THAT PERIOD. THUS WE SEE LITTLE REASON FOR ALLIES TO ACT NOW AGAINST SPLINTER COMMUNIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION SUCH AS KSV.

3. GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND, DEPARTMENT IS INCLINED TO AGREE WITH UK AND FRENCH THAT ALLIED BAN SHOULD BE

AVOIDED, AND THAT SENAT SHOULD BE URGED TO DEAL WITH THIS ORGANIZATION ONLY BY VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTING THOSE CAUGHT PLANNING OR COMMITTING ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SENAT CAN ALSO, IF IT WISHES, SEEK TO CRIPPLE ITS INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES IF IT CAN FIND LEGAL MEANS--SHORT OF INVOLVING THREE POWERS--FOR CARRYING THIS OUT. RUSH

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